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Shigeto UCHIYAMA, et al.

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Otsuka Pharmaceutical CO., LTD.

Title

Composition containing lactic acid bacterium producing equol Equol-Producing Lactic Acid Bacteria-Containing Composition

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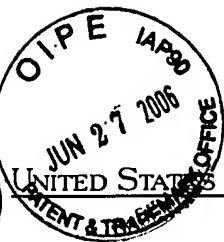
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Title

Equol-Producing Lactic Acid Bacteria-Containing Composition

Composition containing lactic acid bacterium producing equol

Preliminary Class

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Komorino, Kurume-shi, Fukuoka 8300001, Japan; and 3) 1744-3-206, Tsubukuhonmachi,
Kurume-shi, Fukuoka 8300047, Japan hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain
improvements in

EQUOL-PRODUCING LACTIC ACID BACTERIA-CONTAINING COMPOSITION

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
December 15, 2005; and

Whereas, OTSUKA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD., of
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and
invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named
assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the
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do so by the assignee.

I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100
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(Application number _____ and Confirmation number _____)

the application
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EQUOL-PRODUCING LACTIC ACID BACTERIA-CONTAINING COMPOSITION

the application of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on June 29, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/009484 (Confirmation No. _____), and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Application Number(s)	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2003-187831	Japan	30/06/2003	

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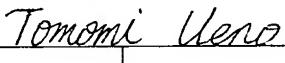
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